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Wyo. Youth ChalleNGe graduates third class June 17

CAMP GUERNSEY, Wyo. – The Wyoming National Guard Youth ChalleNGe

Program's third class will graduate on June 17 at Eastern Wyoming College Auditorium, in Torrington.

Craig W. Duehring, the principal deputy assistant secretary of defense for Reserve Affairs, will speak during the 2 p.m. ceremony. As the Principal Deputy, Duehring serves as the senior deputy to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs in policy development and overall supervision of the Reserve forces of the armed forces of the United States. He is the chief staff advisor to the assistant secretary for all functional areas and responsibilities assigned to the office.

Thirty-one cadets have spent the last five months at the Youth ChalleNGe residence program, located at Camp Guernsey Joint Training Center. Core components of the program include academics, citizenship, life-coping skills, civic service, leadership and physical fitness.

"Our young men and women have really put forth the effort to be successful in this program. The entire staff and I are proud to graduate the third class of the Wyoming National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Program," said Lt. Col. Shawn Powell, Wyoming National Guard Youth ChalleNGe director.

Applications for the next Youth ChalleNGe class, beginning on July 14, currently are being accepted.

For information about the Wyoming Youth ChalleNGe Program, cadet applications, or information on becoming a mentor, visit the Web site at <http://www.ngycp.org/state/wy> or call the program at (307) 836-7500.